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DEPRESSION-ERA BUILDINGS

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Breitenbush Guard Station

NAME: Breitenbush Guard Station

LOCATION: Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District;

Congressional District 5

Vicinity Detroit, OR (41); Marion County (047)

ADDRESS: USDA Forest Service

Willamette National Forest 211 East 7th Ave., PO Box 10607

Eugene, OR 97440

CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORY: Building

DESCRIPTION:

Condition

x Excellent x Unaltered x Original Site

Breitenbush Guard Station: 1935; H-shaped, 11/2 story, wood frame, poured concrete foundation, wood-shingled high gable roof, eaves project, rafters exposed, verges project, fascia alone, rubble masonry interior chimney slightly offset to left on ridgeline. Exterior walls are covered from the water table with three course of semilunate shiplap, wall shakes above the shiplap to the eave level, vertical boards, ends angular cut, on all gable ends and pediments. Gable-roofed bays extended from main building mass, one offset to the left on the main (south) facade, two offset equidistantly to right and left on the rear elevation. A larger porch gable, supported by peeled log posts, projects from the main facade, offset to the right. Windows are six and eight-light single sashes in vertical placement, with surrounds formed from semi-lunate material. Main entry, a single leaf, two panel door with window, is offset to left beneath porch gable and accessed by two straight stone steps, open flagstone platform. No apparent structural addition or alteration; no obvious material modification.

Breitenbush Guard Station Garage: Rectangular, 1 story, wood-frame, poured concrete foundation, wood-shingled medium gable roof, eaves project, rafters exposed, verges project, plain. Exterior walls are wood shingles. Single-leaf vertical board door offset to right on main board vehicular door offset to left. No apparent structural addition or alteration; no obvious material modification. No decoration.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Breitenbush Guard Station typifies the construction projects undertaken by the Civilian Conservation Corps and signifies the aid to the local community provided by the emergency work-relief program through empoyment of youth and experienced craftsmen, purchase of building materials and camp supplies, and personal expenditures of enrollees. The property represents the Forest Service's presence in the locality, as intradistrict headquarters for field operation, and denotes, via the physical facilities required to carry out the agency's expanding responsibilities, the critical transition in the Service's development from custodial superintendence to extensive resource management. The Breitenbush Guard Station exemplifies the rustic architectural idiom developed by the Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, to impart Forest Service identity and to represent its purposes and ideals; and signifies the agency's particular interpretation of a singular expression of early twentieth century American architectural thought. Possessing superior qualities of design and execution, the Guard Station is an outstanding example of an architectural locution invested with special aesthetic and associative values by the agency that created it.

GEOGRAPHIC DATA:

Acreage: approximately 2.88 acres

UTM Reference:

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Breitenbush Guard Station

That portion of land lying within the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 21, T.9S., R.7E., Willamette Meridian in the County of Marion, State of Oregon, Herein described:

Commencing at the NW corner of Section 21 (common corner to Sections $\frac{17}{20}$ a bearing of due south is followed crossing a point at the centerline of Forest Road 4600050 at 1131 feet to a point at approximately 1231 feet. Thence at a

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bearing of due east for an approximate distance of 446.875 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Thence N45°W 300 feet to a point; thence N36°E 418.75 feet to a point; thence S54°E 300 feet to a point; thence S36°W 418.75 feet back to the True Point of Beginning.

Said piece of land contains approximately 2.88 acres.

Above bearings and distances are taken from a map entitled "Proposed New Breitenbush Guard Station," by R.A. Elliott, District Ranger. True boundaries are subject to adjustment in actual field location.

